

Next-Generation Grid Components R&D Program Planning Workshop, Pittsburgh, PA

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Challenges coming down the line that will impact the design or requirements of future grid components

- Increased penetration of distributed energy resources (DER's) at T&D
 - Seeing larger installations, 20 MW, wanting to connect to distribution
 - More integration issues such as voltage swings, transformer in-rush, reverse power flows, system capacity, etc.
 - Driving the need for grid edge intelligence
 - Existing generation planning tools are running into convergence issues with large amounts of non-firm PV
- Increased dependency on gas generation
 - Lower system inertia associated with smaller units
 - Vulnerability to gas supply
 - Less centralized generation

Challenges coming down the line that will impact the design or requirements of future grid components

- Need for end-to-end resource planning tool to accurately model and operate the future grid
- Customers want choice and control regardless of market structure
- Flat to declining load growth in regulated service areas due to DER's and energy efficiency
- Shift to more distributed functions and advanced analytics

Challenges coming down the line that will impact the design or requirements of future grid components

- Heightened need for cyber security and privacy
- Heightened need for more physical security around facilities and visibility inside substations
- Internet of Things drives connectivity to all things (utility and customer-owned)

Wish list of component capabilities and requirements

- A reference architecture and framework for distributed intelligence like OpenFMB
- A common data model like the IEC Common Information Model (CIM)
- Ability to use Internet of Things (IoT) publish/subscribe protocols for peer to peer communication (like DDS, MQTT, and AMQP)
- Integrated GPS clock to provide time accuracy and synchronization of grid events
- Faster response from controllable load/gen to bridge some of the gaps associated with lower inertia, including dynamic response

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- Ability to run distributed applications on devices at the edge
- Low communication latencies to run distributed control sequences especially with regards to microgrids
- Granular and accurate sensor data – PMU type data on grid edge devices
- Devices with the ability to scale independently without a system wide rollout
- Large-scale economical energy storage
- More and faster visibility of real time conditions and equipment status throughout the system

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- Solid-state Synchronous Inverter – looks and acts like a synchronous generator
- Inertia emulation type devices
- Advanced controls down to 120 V levels for reactive power, demand response and PV integration
- Solar and storage need to have the same capabilities as conventional generation and need to work together to perform that way
- What to do when the cyber equipment fails or is compromised (ie Ukraine event).

What Duke Energy is doing to prepare for and accommodate these challenges or needs

- Participating in industry working groups and workshops related to these issues
- Studying possible future scenarios of our system – what ifs
- Promoting the need for open, interoperable standards like OpenFMB, now adopted by NAESB, throughout our utility and industry partners
- Built systems to pilot these technologies to try and figure out how to work with our vendors to commercialize this technology

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- Working closely with the DOE, APRAe, and National Labs, and university to continue to push more intelligence throughout the grid (substations, grid nodes, and all the way to the premise)
- Published a Distributed Intelligence Platform document where the use of distributed technologies is discussed
- Evaluating not only the technical challenges with grid edge intelligence; but also evaluating the financial implications of this work

